



Interviews Italian Case Study Site (Regione Friuli Venezia Giulia & Regione Veneto) Summary Report 15-26 April 2013

Fieldwork Purpose

Interviews were conducted with several stakeholders in the CHANGES case study region (local level) as well as with stakeholders at regional level in Venice, Udine and Trieste (see schedule below). These interviews served to gain more detailed information, which will help answer our research questions and develop our indicator systems. They count as an important part of our empirical research work.

Interview Method

The selected method, the focused interview, is a semi-structured interview that tries to combine some of the characteristics of an in-depth interview with those of a structured interview. This means it partly involves the depth and openness of an in-depth interview and it partly relies on the standardized guidelines of a structured interview. The purpose of a focused interview is to gain information and knowledge about a specific subject matter. The attention of the interviewee is directed towards a certain topic or brought back to the topic by the interviewer, in case the respondent wanders off the subject. Transitions are used, which try to connect the respective subject with the subject of interest. Simply going back to the actual topic by raising a new question out of context is not seen as the best solution and might disrupt the rapport between interviewer and interviewees.

With the help of a previously prepared interview guide, important issues are asked and discussed. By using the same interview guide for the same group of stakeholders and by applying a standardised interview procedure and content, a common and comparative approach can be guaranteed.

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Day One: 15/04/2013

Malborghetto-Valbruna Municipality (Town Hall of Malborghetto)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

List of interviewees

- 10:00-11:00 Mayor Alessandro Oman - Mayor of Malborghetto
- 11:00-12:00 Ing. Gianpaolo Anselmi - technician Malborghetto
- 12:00-13:00 Daniele Zelloth, Malborghetto - Fire Brigade Ugovizza
- 15:00-16:00 Dr. Domenig Raimondo - Local historian

Malborghetto-Valbruna (Fire Brigade Station of Valbruna)



Interviewers

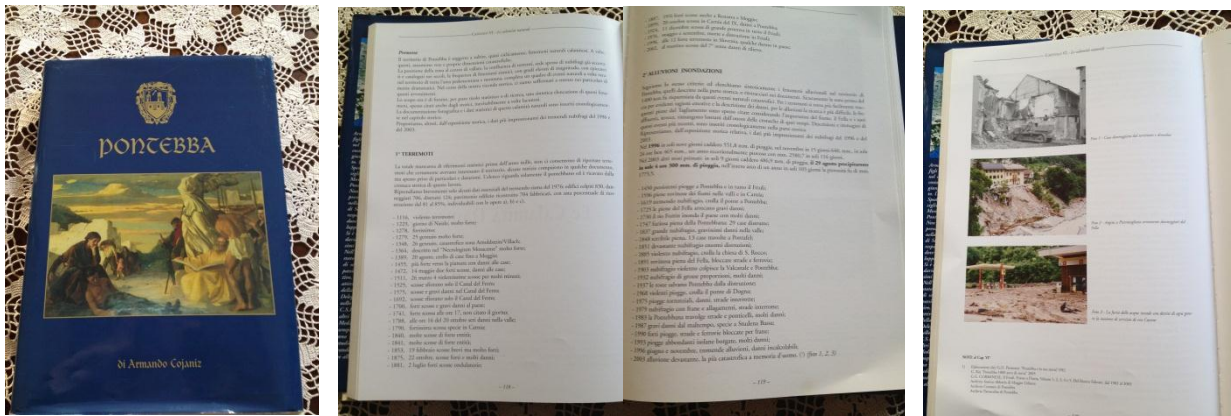
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List of interviewees

18:30-19:30 Alessandro Martinz (Tel: +393351819460) - Fire Brigade Valbruna

Day Two: 16/04/2013

Pontebba



Interviewers

Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

09:30-10:30 Armando Coianiz (cultural historian)

Pontebba Municipality (Pontebba town office)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

10:30-11:30 Sergio Buzzi (technician, Councilor for Municipality Civil Protection)

Pontebba

Interviewers

Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

12:00-13:00 Dr. Antonio Russo (book writer and professional journalist, writer of a book on flood called "La melma alle ginocchia")

Moggio (Fire Brigade Station of Moggio)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

18:00-19:00 Mario Pugnetti (Comandante del Corpo di Volontari Local Fire Brigade)

Day Three: 17/04/2013

Tolmezzo

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

11:30-13:10 Antonio Fabiani – Architect and urban planner (Studio Di Architettura Ed Urbanistica)

Udine (ARPA FVG office (Agenzia Regionale per la protezione dell'ambiente del Friuli Venezia Giulia))

Interviewers

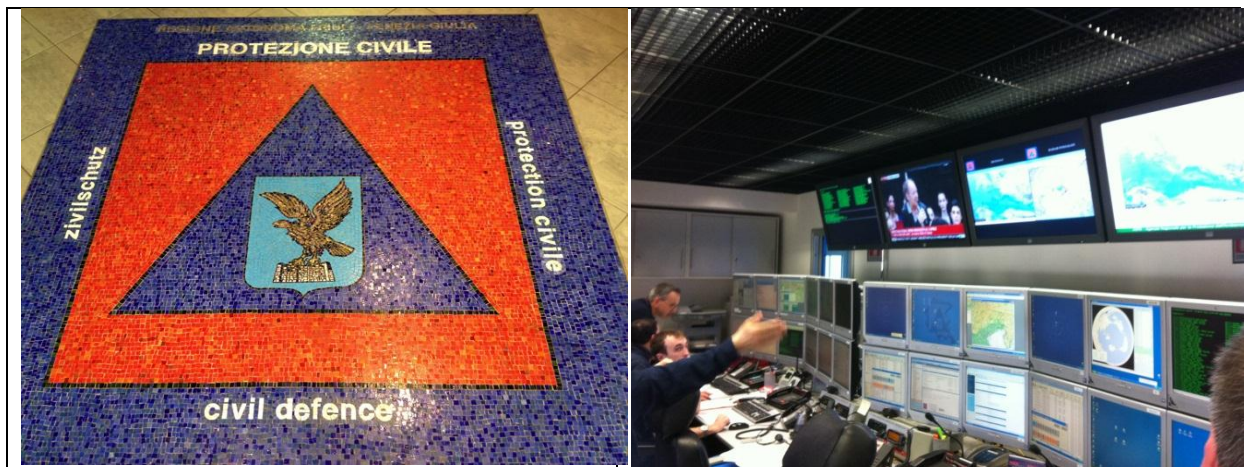
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Interviewee

14:10-16:00 Giorgio Mattassi (Director ARPA FVG, Provincial Department of Udine)

Day Four: 18/04/2013

Palmanova (Regional Civil Protection of Friuli Venezia Giulia)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

10:30-11:30 Aldo Primiero (Regional Civil Protection)

Trieste (Regional office of FVG)

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

15:30-16:30 Edoardo Faganello (Soil Defense, Engineer for the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia)

Day Five: 22/04/2013

Pontebba Municipality (Pontebba town office)

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

11:00-12:30 Luigi Clauderotti (Pontebba Vice Mayor, Pontebba)

Valbruna

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

14:30-16:00 Gerardo Kandutsch (Assessore alla Gestione del Territorio ed Edilizia Privata)

Torreano (Udine Province)

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewee

17:30-19:00 Fabiana Brugnoli (Urban Planner, did PRGC plans for Pontebba and Malborghetto)

Day Six: 22/04/2013

Venice (regional government building, Regione Veneto)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewees

12:00-13:00 Gerry Boratto (Director of the Secretariat for the Environment) and Maurizio Conte (Councilor for the Environment)

Venice (Office of Autorità di Bacino dei Fiumi Isonzo Tagliamento, Livenza, Piave, Brenta-Bacchiglione)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewees

15:00-16:00 Fabio Giuriato (Water Basin Authority, ADBVE)

Venice (regional government building, Regione Veneto)

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewees

17:30-18:30 Mariano Carraro (Regional Secretary for the Environment)

Day Six: 24/04/2013

Udine (Fire Brigade (Professional) Station)



Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewees

10:30-11:30 Dorian Minisini (Representative of Fire Brigade Udine)

Trieste (University of Trieste)

Interviewers

Kathrin Prenger-Berninghoff (IRM, CHANGES, ESR-8) and Teresa Sprague (TUDO, CHANGES, ESR-11)

Interviewees

14:00-15:00 Michela Dini (Direzione centrale risorse rurali, agroalimentari e forestali, Servizio gestione forestale e produzione legnosa at the FVG region – geologist)

15:00-16:30 Chiara Calligaris (Geologist, University of Trieste)

Conclusions

Overall, the interviews went well and many different actors and groups of stakeholders (at both the local and regional levels) have been considered. All interviewees were open to provide information about their experiences and their expertise in regard to the management of risks.

Main concluding points:

- The main focus lies on emergency preparedness and response (e.g. the main actor being the Civil Protection Agency in Palmanova).
 - More attention is paid to the preparedness and response phase of the disaster management cycle, whereas prevention/mitigation, especially non-structural mitigation, plays a less important role. Reasons for this are that there is a very present ‘emergency culture’ in Italy and that non-structural prevention measures are not visible or given as much attention (e.g. funding).
- National and regional legislation is well developed and numerous laws and decrees have been adopted that address risk reduction and emergency management. However, in reality, these laws often lack proper implementation and application.
- Another important issues remains with the maintenance of structural mitigation measures (e.g. issue of who provides for maintenance, lack of long-term funding schemes).
- The Civil Protection has already developed and is currently establishing a web-GIS to assist decision-making. They have been working on this for the past 5 years and are continuously trying to improve this.

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